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In re Application of:

FUNAKOSHI, Satoru

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For: FOAMED THERMOPLASTIC RESIN MOLDING FOR
AUTOMOTIVE INTERIOR AND PRODUCTION METHOD THEREOF

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Examiner: P. Nordmeyer

November 19, 2001

RESPONSE TO REQUIREMENT FOR RESTRICTION

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Applicant responds to the October 30, 2001 Requirement for Restriction by electing, with traverse, claims 1-2 which are drawn to a speaker grille-integrated foamed thermoplastic resin molding for automotive interior, the election being with traverse.

Applicant earnestly but respectfully suggests that the objective set forth in MPEP Section 803 may be readily achieved in the present application by examining all claims at one time. In this regard, the Examiner's attention is respectfully directed to the


Information Disclosure Statement filed herein on May 11, 2001. Applicant has directed the Examiner's attention to three U.S. patents and three foreign patent documents.

Applicants respectfully submit that the information will facilitate the consideration of all claims in one application.

Accordingly, Applicant respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the requirement for restriction, but in the alternative, an election with traverse of claims 1-2, and the Examiner's acknowledge independent but careful consideration of the information disclosed in the specification and the Information Disclosure Statement. If the Examiner has any questions, please contact the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

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